

At Your Leisure



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Resident of The Month



Eddie Enebrad, Former POW was born in Salinas, California and was the fourth of 14 siblings. His parents had 7 boys and 7 girls. With that many children, bouts of mischief were inevitable. One of Eddie's favorite childhood stories is about the time he and 3 brothers decided to break into the shed that contained some of his father's home made wine. After they all had a "taste", they thought it would be fun to build an airplane. They then proceeded to pound a 2x4 into the radiator of their father's car. The experiment failed, the only thing that was flying around Eddie's home on that day was spankings!

Eddie and two of his brothers served during World War II. Eddie served proudly as a Corporal in the US Army and was held prisoner by the Japanese for 4 years.

Eddie had the misfortune to be involved in the Bataan Death March. War came unexpectedly to the Philippines. Japan opened a surprise attack on the Philippines on December 8, 1941, when Japan attacked without warning, just ten hours after the attack on Pearl Harbor. Japanese troops attacked the islands in many places and launched a pincer drive on Manila. The defending Philippine and United States troops were under the command of General Douglas Mac-Arthur. Aerial bombardment was followed by landings of ground troops in Luzon. Under the pressure of superior numbers, the defending forces (about 80,000 troops, four fifths of them Filipinos) withdrew to the Bataan Peninsula and to the island of Corregidor at the entrance to Manila Bay where they entrenched and tried to hold until the arrival of reinforcements, meanwhile guarding the entrance to Manila Bay and denying that important harbor to the Japanese. But no reinforcements were forthcoming. Manila, declared an open city to stop its destruction, was occupied by the Japanese on January 2, 1943. The Philippine defense continued until the final surrender of United States-Philippine forces on the Bataan Peninsula in April 1942 and on Corregidor in May. Most of the 80,000 prisoners of war captured by the Japanese at Bataan were forced to undertake the notorious Bataan Death March to a prison camp 105 kilometers to the North. It is estimated that as many as 10,000 men died before reaching their destination.

Eddie was then transferred via ship to Japan and served hard labor there until the end of the War. Though it was a very difficult time in the POW camp in Japan, Eddie believes it saved his life, since most people did not survive in the Philippines.

His son, Ernie describes Eddie as a "Tough Old Guy" who knew how to survive and became an incredibly strong man from the trials and tribulations he had gone through. When Eddie returned to the States, he settled in Stockton, California, where most of his family still lives today. He became a car salesman, worked his way up to the Manager of a Lincoln Mercury Dealership and eventually owned his own car dealership. He was married to Anita and had two sons, Ernie and the late Earl. Eddie also has one grandson, Aaron. In his free time, Eddie enjoyed being with his large extended family, going fishing and boating (Eddie owned his own boats) and traveling to the mountains. The Arizona State Veteran Home, is honored to be able to care for America's Heroes such as Eddie. Thank You Eddie and Every Veteran for our Freedom.

Family Council

Please join the families of the ASVH at the monthly Family Council Meeting that occurs every third Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the Training Center. This is a time for the families of the ASVH to and try and resolve issues, express concerns, share ideas on how to improve the lives of our veterans, as well as be a support system for each other.

We welcome you to participate and help define the Family Council. The next meeting will be Saturday March 20, 2010.

If you would like more information about the Family Council or you are a family member who is not Family Council letter please give us a call and we would be more than happy to assist you.

Thank you,

Family Council



Resident Birthdays

Edwin L Kernan 03/01

Joseph J Sebastian 03/01

Bruce A Pivarnik 03/03

Stewart C Mathews 03/04

Virginia Billingsley 03/09

Lerov P Schneider 03/12



James P Clune 03/12

Edgar R Lilly 03/21

Jack T Bell 03/26

Richard G Pender 03/26

James V Sterne 03/28



Wish List

DONATIONS NEEDED:

Thank you for your interest in making a donation to the Arizona State Veteran Home. Donations may be brought directly to the home at 4141 North S. Herrera Way, Phoenix, AZ 85012. Checks may be made payable to: Veterans Donation Fund, and mailed to the home, attention: Candy Covarrubiaz. For further information you may contact Candy at 602-351-6879.

The Arizona State Veteran Home has a need for the following items:

- Soda Pop (variety of flavors, regular and sugar free)
- DVD's
- Bingo coupons to our gift shop. Help us provide bingo coupons to the residents. Each coupon costs 25 cents and we typically hand out \$40.00 worth of coupons per game. You may make a donation to the Arizona State Veteran Home and earmark the donation to be used for the bingo fund.
- Black Velvet Coloring Posters (found in most craft shops or craft departments in large department stores)
- Chocolate Candy Bars
- Non Refrigerated Pudding Cups
- Organizations to host a meal at our facility for one hallway of residents (25 Veterans). Your group could either bring in a meal cooked at your post, BBQ a meal, or order in from a fast food restaurant.
- Cigarettes for indigent Veterans
- Slot Car Race Track Decorations

We no longer accept the following Items

WE NO LONGER ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

Used Clothing

Medical Equipment (walkers, wheelchairs, etc)

Hygiene Products (shampoos, soap, toothpaste etc.)

If you have this type of equipment to donate we suggest you contact Art Sloane 480-802-6810 in order to donate to the Stand Down for homeless veterans.

Recreational Therapy Highlights

by Leslie Goin

February was a busy month at the Arizona State Veteran Home. We received so much support from various community groups, that I wish to take a few moments to recognize a few of them who support the recreation department on a regular basis. We were fortunate to see the expansion of our Cooties Pup Tent 11 Game Room which now includes both an air hockey game and the new slot car race track. Members from the Sun City area of Church of Christ Valley built us the elaborate track that resembles Phoenix International Raceway. They were very generous with their time, energy and talents. They purchased the supplies for the 4 track course, 4 open wheel race cars and built the beautiful wood table (10 ft x 16 ft) that it mounts on. The Veterans at the home have nightly races with the open wheel cars and the stock cars supplied by Cooties Pup Tent 11. The Cooties also decorated the track with a grand stand and pit crews.

The STMicroelectronics' Computer Lab expanded this month. We already had the Dakim Brain Fitness Computer for the Veterans to challenge themselves daily through a 20 minute session that requires them to use a variety of skills including math, memory and matching.

In February we received the "It's Never Too Late" computer program which our resident's affectionately call the "COW" or Computer On Wheels. The "COW" is able to go to individual Veteran's rooms so those who are bed bound may participate. Residents are able to web e-mail which allows them to sit in front of the computer's camera so they can view and talk live to their loved ones across the country. The "COW" also features a variety of games including a Flight Simulator complete with a joy stick, Demolition Derby with it's own steering wheel, Karaoke, Music Videos, Wheel of Fortune and the ability for Veterans to have their own portfolio. In this section family members may send us a disc to be downloaded into their portfolio. This may include the last family reunion or the grandchild's dance recital or just loved one's saying some kind words. If you would like to connect with a loved one who resides at ASVH through the "COW" or submit disc's for their portfolio, please contact their individual Unit Recreation Therapist by calling the main switchboard at 602-248-1550.

I would like to thank all of the groups who have been so generous to support our Bingo Fund. We offer bingo 4 times a week and it is the highest attended program. The Jewish American War Veterans have supplied us with a new high tech computerized bingo board. Each Monday one of the following groups comes in to run bingo for us: The Elks Lodges (Phoenix, Sun City, or West Phoenix Lodge) and the American Legion District 12 (a different post comes 1 time per month). One Sunday a month the American Legion Riders from Apache Junction help with bingo. If your group would like to adopt a bingo game once a month (either through volunteer assistance or financially supporting the prizes) please contact Leslie Goin at 602-248-1575.

This next month we will see a flurry of BBQ's as the weather improves. We received a generous donation from the American Legion Riders from across the State. Thanks to them, our Veterans received steak, shrimp and all the trimmings on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Years Day. Their final donation will be used this month to BBQ one fantastic steak dinner. We have also received many individual checks over the past few months from individuals and organizations that are supporting our "Steak Dinner Fund". Thank you all for your generosity.

Recreational Therapy Highlights continued.....

The American Legion Auxilliary District 11 has taken on our Birthday Recognition Program. They send birthday cards to all of our residents along with a gift certificate to our gift shop. Everyone at the home thanks each of these groups for making the Arizona State Veteran Home a part of your family.

Volunteer Opportunities

Below is a list of Volunteer Opportunities for March. If you would like to help out, please e-mail me at lgoin@azdvs.gov Please check out our calendar of events on our web site www.azdvs.gov Volunteers are welcome at any of our activities.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR ON-GOING ACTIVITIES:

Tuesday & Saturday Music/Sensory Group:	10:00 am – 11:30 am
Thursday & Sunday Bingo:	2:00 pm – 3:30 pm
Wednesday & Friday Afternoon Card Games:	2:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Saturday Bingo:	9:30 am – 11:00 am
Veteran Visits:	Any day – 7 am – 7 pm

Our next **VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION** will be on Saturday March 27, 2010 at 10:00am. If you would like to attend this orientation please contact Volunteer Coordinator Candy Covarrubiaz at 602-351-6879 or at ccovarrubiaz@azdvs.gov

Donations

Legion Riders Post 53
Dennis Boyle
Girl Scouts Troop 774
First Presbyterian Church
David Sr. and Chris Frappier
Military Order of the Cootie Aux.
American Legion Post 53 Buckeye Arizona
American Legion Riders Post 27 Apache Junction Arizona

American Legion Post 105
Lois Sauer
KWVA – AZ Dept.
VFW Post 3713
David Nunley
Jim Farrer- Chairman Vets
Cherokee Elementary



Activities

We had our Annual Bowling Tournament with the VA! The first five was neck to neck with the Arizona State Veteran Home trailing by two points but we came back with the next five and won! 291 to 280! Congrats! Thank you team and Pam for all your hard work!!



We also had a visit from a wonderful group of cowgirls!



Welcome To Our Team!



Dave McAleer
Assistant Administrator, Arizona State Veteran Home

Dave McAleer just joined us (February 1st, 2010) as the Assistant Administrator at the Arizona State Veteran Home.

Dave McAleer for the past eight months had worked for the Department of Military Science, Arizona State University (ASU), as an Army Assistant Professor of Military Science. In this capacity, his duties included teaching Military Leadership to the Senior Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Cadets. Additionally, he was a Recruiting Officer for the ROTC Department, and taught the Kinesiology 105 (Boot Camp) Physical Fitness Class to ASU students.

Mr. McAleer enlisted in the Army in March 1989. His Field Artillery training took him to Aschaffenburg, Germany, and later, to Fort Sill Oklahoma. In 1993, Mr. McAleer attended Officer Candidate School, and upon graduation, received his Commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Field Artillery. Additional assignments took him back to Fort Sill, OK; Fort Hood, TX; Phoenix, AZ; Fort Bragg, NC; and Fort Leavenworth, KS. Mr. McAleer also travelled on military assignments to Korea, Italy, Japan, and Kuwait.

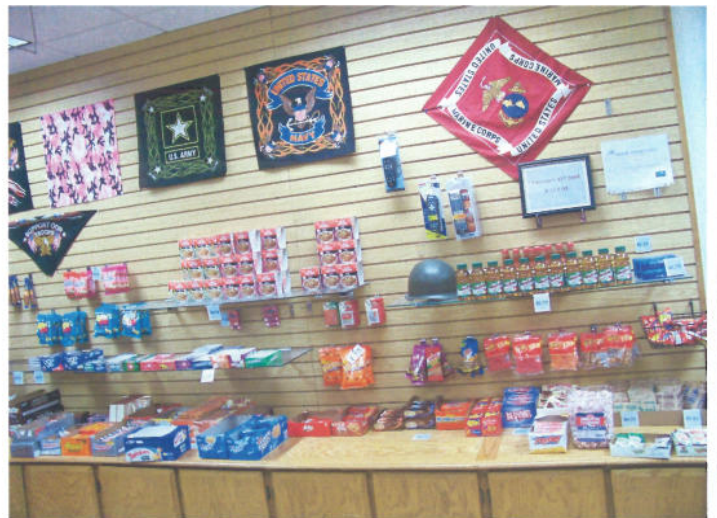
While stationed at Fort Bragg, NC, Mr. McAleer deployed twice to Iraq while assigned to the United States Army Special Operations Command (USASOC).

Mr. McAleer is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and is a board member of the AUSA, Phoenix Chapter.

Mr. McAleer retired on July 1st, 2009, from the US Army with the rank of Major after 20 years of service.

Gift Shop

We welcome all visitors to stop by our gift shop and check out the new and exiting items now available in the gift shop. The gift shop features everything from chips and candy to batteries and tv remote controls. Our gift shop is run by our wonderful volunteers and is open from 8:00am to 4:00pm Monday through Friday.



March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Please make sure to check each unit calendar of events for a more detailed list of activities.						
	1 8:30am Sensory 10am Coffee House LH 2:30pm Sun City Elks Bingo LH 6:15pm Wii Bowling LH	2 11am Motor Games 1:30pm Rec Tx 1:1's 5pm Social 6:15pm Slot Car Racing LH DVD Cart	3 11am Cooking Group 11am Neighborhood Council 2pm Happy Hour 5pm Current Events	4 8:30am Sensory 9am Mid Week Services 9:30am Rec Tx 1:1's 11am Crafts 2:30pm Blue Bingo	5 10:45am Concert Leon Littleton 2:30pm Games Shows	6 10am Blue Bingo 11am Pet Visits 2:30pm Clubhouse
7 8:30am Sensory 11am Catholic Mass (VA) 11am Protestant Services D-1 2pm Blue Binigo LH 3pm Lds Services (TC)	8 8:30am Sensory 10am Sing A long W/ Am. Legion Post 44 LH 2pm Phoenix Elks Bingo LH 6:15pm Wii Bowling LH	9 11am Motor Games 2:30pm Guys and Dolls Performance 5pm Social	10 11am Cooking Group 2:30pm Food Committee 5pm Current Events 6:30pm AZ Army National Guard Casino Night	11 8:30am Sensory 9am Mid week services 11am Crafts 11am Rosary LH 2:30pm Blue Bingo 6:30pm Poker Game LH	12 10:45am Concert Todd Hagen 2:30pm Game Shows	13 10am Blue Bingo 11am Pet visits 2:30pm Clubhouse
14 8:30am Sensory 11am Catholic Mass (VA) 11am Protestant Services D-1 2pm Blue Binigo LH 3pm Lds Services (TC)	15 8:30am Sensory 10am Coffee House LH 11:30am Rec Tx 1:1's 2pm Ice Cream Social and Leon Littleton LH 7pm Am. Legion Bingo LH	16 8:30am Apache Junction Outing (sign up in advance) 11am Motor Games 6:15pm Slot Car Racing LH	17 11am Cooking Group 2:30pm Luck 'O the Irish Casino Event	18 8:30 am Sensory 9am Mid-week Services 9:30am Recreation TX 1:1's 11am Crafts 11am Rosary LH 2:30pm Blue Bingo DVD Cart	19 10:45am Concert Dave Swain 2:30pm Game Shows	20 10am Blue Bingo 11am Pet Visits 2:30pm Club House Spring Begins!
21 8:30am Sensory 11am Catholic Mass (VA) 11am Protestant Services D-1 2pm Blue Binigo LH 3pm Lds Services (TC)	22 8:30am Sensory 10am Phoenix Art Museum Slide Show LH 2pm Phoenix Elks Bingo LH 6:15pm Wii bowling LH	23 11am Motor Games 1:30 pm Rec Tx 1:1's 5pm Social DVD Cart	24 11am Cooking Group 2:30pm March Birthday Celebration 5pm Current Events	25 8:30am Sensory 9am Mid-Week Services 11am Crafts 11am Rosary LH 2:30pm Blue Bingo DVD Cart	26 10:45am Concert Frank Mackay 2:30pm Game Show 4pm Fish Fry Phoenix West Elks (Must be signed up)	27 10am Blue Bingo 12pm JJ & Sherry in Concert (Honey Ell Patio) 12:20pm Fountain Hills VFW BBQ (Honey Well Patio)
28 8:30am Sensory 11am Catholic Mass (VA) 11am Protestant Services D-1 2pm Blue Binigo LH 3pm Lds Services (TC) Palm Sunday	29 8:30am Sensory 11:30am Rec.Tx 1:1's 6:15pm Wii Bowling LH Passover Begins	30 11am Motor Games 1:30pm Rec Tx 1:1's 5pm Social DVD Cart	31 11am Cooking Group 2:30pm Happy Hour 5pm Current Events			

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